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Maryland

Weekly Crop and Weather Report



October 2, 2006

Small Grain Seeding Underway

Maryland farmers experienced some light spotty rains, but overall conditions are still dry. Bright sunny skies and cooler than normal temperatures allowed farmers to plant **small grains**, harvest **corn** and prepare fields and farm equipment for the upcoming winter. There were **5.5 days suitable for field work** for the week ending October 1, 2006.

Corn for grain harvest was 49 percent harvested and **corn** chopped for **silage** is 100 percent complete. A few full-season **soybean** fields are being harvested. Most of the **soybean** crop is turning color and dropping leaves. Fourth cutting **alfalfa hay** is 67 percent complete, 5 percent ahead of last week. Some farmers have started a fifth cutting of **alfalfa hay**.

Pastures are rated 2 percent very poor, 12 percent poor, 37 percent fair 41 percent good and 8 percent excellent. **Hay** supplies were 6 percent very short, 10 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 1, 2006

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005
Field Crops <i>Percent</i>				
Corn:				
Mature	96	95	90	90
Harvested for Grain	49	31	40	43
Corn for Silage	100	98	94	85
Soybeans:				
Turning Color	80	61	77	66
Dropping Leaves	54	36	55	39
Harvested	9	4	11	5
Barley Planted:	29	10	38	23
Winter Wheat Planted:	17	7	18	10
Hay				
Alfalfa Hay 4 th Cutting	67	62	83	70
Other Hay 4 th Cutting	10	9	49	43
Fruits Harvested				
Apples	79	69	77	57

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 1, 2006

Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005
Very Short	-	-	15	0	0	17
Short	4	6	23	6	16	21
Adequate	88	87	50	91	82	53
Surplus	8	7	12	3	2	9

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 1, 2006

	Precipitation ¹			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	1.19	29.49	-1.66	82	42	62	-2
Frederick	0.55	30.06	0.13	78	45	62	3
Frostburg	0.49	27.01	-9.29	69	37	54	-3
Hagerstown	0.38	26.10	-3.15	75	44	60	-3
Mechanicsville	1.32	38.03	3.48	82	43	61	-3
Patuxent River	1.39	29.64	-2.76	87	46	66	3
Ocean City	0.63	27.46	-7.27	81	43	63	-3
Salisbury	0.32	33.30	-1.89	85	37	61	-4
Sharpsburg	0.69	32.68	2.75	78	42	60	1
Stevensville	1.86	34.05	2.06	81	44	65	1
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	1.25	36.19	6.72	83	50	65	-2
Delaware							
Dover	0.61	29.78	-4.27	82	46	64	-2
Georgetown	0.49	32.70	-1.28	84	42	63	0
Wilmington	1.27	37.26	5.95	79	43	62	-2

¹ Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M. on recorded date.
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